

Southern Flyer



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House, Senate eye beefed up benefits for reservists

Editor's note: The following Air Force Reserve Command News Service article is designed to keep reservists informed about pending legislation that could affect them. Reservists on duty may not lobby or urge others to speak to their congressional representatives.

WASHINGTON — Before taking their Independence Day recess, the U.S. House and Senate Armed Services Committees completed markups of their versions of the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2004.

Members of the committees considered several provisions, which could affect reservists in Air Force Reserve Command. These provisions include unlimited use of commissaries and increases in basic pay, hostile fire and imminent danger pay, family separation allowance and hazardous duty incentive pay.

“Congressional committee markups are no guar-

antee an item will become law,” said Wayne Gracie, director of the Office of Air Force Reserve’s Policy Integration Directorate in the Pentagon.

“The House and Senate work out differences in bill provisions and language in conference, where provisions may be adopted, dropped or modified,” he

said. “If the provision is identical in both bills, it has a greater chance of becoming law when the bill is enacted into law. The authorization process is

not complete until conferencing occurs and a final version of the authorization bill is reported

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Riding high

From left, civilian employees Rosetta Brown, Bethany Krenn, and Debbie Smith gaze skyward while listening to the loadmaster’s final instructions prior to take off of an 908AW C-130 aircraft July 16. Twenty-five civilian employees and summer hires got a firsthand glimpse of the wing’s primary mission during a 90-minute orientation flight. Telling the group, “Enjoy, you deserve this,” 908th AW Commander Col. James N. Stewart said the flight served three aims. The flight was a reward for continued stellar performance; it was designed to make the group feel part of the organization and it was “to show you what we do.”



Photo by Jeff Melvin

Preparing for the IG team is our primary mission

We have only six UTA days remaining until



By Col. James Stewart
908th Airlift Wing commander

the Unit Compliance Inspection. From now until the inspection is complete in November, our primary focus is to prepare for the IG team.

It's time to review/polish your: Self-Inspection Checklist, Time and Attendance Records, Form 55s, 971 Civilian Supervisor Folders, etc.

Training is always a key item for any inspection. Check your training records and complete any needed training. If you can't get the training done prior to the inspection, document your limitations and identify when the training will be

completed. I'm confident we have good programs; now's the time to make sure our records accurately portray that fact.

Another subject I'd like to mention is Boss Lift. You know your employers are one of the three pillars of the triad. You and your families make up the other two. Please take time this weekend to recognize the sacrifice they make allowing you to serve the nation by nominating them to attend the Boss Lift coming up Sept. 24 and 25. The nomination forms are in the July and August editions of the "Southern

Flyer." Please make sure we recognize them!

Finally, we've recently had a rash of minor workplace accidents. Fortunately we've been VERY lucky since no one has been hurt, and the property damage has been slight. However, NOW is the time to STOP this dangerous trend. Take time to focus on the job at hand, use the right tools for the task, and borrow extra hands when you need them. In short, do whatever is needed to reduce the risks of damage and injury to you and our equipment.

Have a safe...and productive UTA!



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Readiness exercises save lives, preserve freedom

by Staff Sgt. Russell Wicke
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BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan (AFPN) -- I experienced engagement with the enemy for the first time here July 12 -- it was a rocket attack on the base. I had only recently arrived and unlike most everyone else, I had not yet fallen into the rhythm of everyday life in a deployed location.

I was socializing in the common area about 9 p.m. when suddenly a loud boom rocked us, and I saw a flash about 100 yards away toward the flightline area.

Although they give you one briefing after another about how we are operating in a combat zone and we need to always be on alert, it didn't really sink in until I heard the explosion of the incoming rocket targeting our lives and what America stands for.

Nothing can describe what I felt when the attack siren started wailing and everyone started running for bunkers and weapons. I could tell who had been well-trained and who was taken by surprise and

didn't know what to do. Most were going off of muscle memory from the training the Air Force had given them.

This is what I had trained for during all those operational readiness exercises, and I was grateful for all the hours spent "playing like we fight."

If I could give just one piece of advice to those going through the rigorous labor of an ORE back home, it would be this: Pay attention to what they're teaching you in the exercises and practice it. Run "what-if" scenarios over in your mind repeatedly. That training the Air Force is offering you now is the biggest paycheck you'll ever receive, because it can save your life -- a life that is precious to your spouse, your children, your family and everyone else who loves you.

But even more importantly, that training is preserving the life of an entire free nation. What you do keeps our aircraft in the air and enables Americans to go up in tall buildings and fly in free air space without fear.

I think our 455th Air Expeditionary Wing command chief here,

Chief Master Sgt. Les McPeak, has worded it perfectly for us. During a newcomers' briefing he showed us six photographs. One was of his wife, and the others were images of each of his five children.

"Why am I sharing my family with you?" he asked. "Because there are people out there who want

to kill them. And that is why I'm in the Air Force and serving here."

I realize now, after experiencing the reality of someone trying to kill us, that our training enables us to resist that evil and keep America free. The OREs are not just for you, but also for your family and your free nation under God.

Wing gains, command faces reductions in force structure changes

Although Air Force Reserve Command units lose a net 1,156 drill and 75 civilian positions as a result of personnel and aircraft realignment actions detailed in an Air Force force structure announcement July 23, the 908th Airlift Wing gains 18 slots -- seven civilian and 11 drill authorizations.

The additions mean there'll be two aircrews for each of the 908th's nine C-130H aircraft.

The announcement addresses the fiscal year 2004 President's Budget force structure, realignment and management actions required to achieve efficiencies, modernize or

make organizational changes, said Air Force officials.

The force structure announcement calls for reducing 1,249 and increasing 93 drill authorizations, losing 141 and gaining 66 civilian positions, and adding 12 full-time Active Guard and Reserve positions.

These and other changes affect Reserve units at 28 locations but do not change this year's projected end strength of 75,600 reservists for the command. The president's proposal for FY 2004 calls for an additional 200

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Safety is no accident

let's work together to stop an alarming trend

SAFETY -- don't leave home without it! I'm sure most of you have heard that one and have obviously taken it literally. Thank you for doing so.

While we are at it, let's congratulate ourselves in one area of safety. We are entering the second half of the "101 Most Critical Days of Summer" and while the Air Force as a whole has already experienced 14 fatal off duty private vehicle mishaps, we here in the 908th have been very fortunate to have no reportable off duty mishaps.

This is attributable to you, the dedicated and professional men and women of this wing. However there is one area of safety where we're not doing as well. That's what I want to talk with you about - safety here at work.

During the past three months or so, we've experienced several ground and flight safety mishaps, jeopardizing our impeccable safety record. While we have been very fortunate that no one has been seriously injured and individual property damages have been low, an alarming trend is developing. Human factor causes were common denominators in the three flight and six ground



By Lt. Col. Richard Gilchrist
908AW Chief of Safety

mishaps we've experienced.

Here's a recount of the incidents:

◆ March 20 -- rejected airdrop load

◆ June 3 -- maintenance person's hand became pinned while working on a landing gear assembly

◆ June 12 -- government vehicle damaged in mishap with POV

◆ June 13 -- easy-go golf cart damaged in mishap

◆ June 23 -- B-5 maintenance stand damaged while towing

◆ June 24 -- in-flight parachute separation of heavy equipment airdrop load

◆ June 26 -- maintenance person injured while working on top of an aircraft wing

◆ July 1 -- airdrop malfunction, container delivery system load delayed separation and towed by aircraft

◆ July 2 -- tow vehicle damaged while pulling an aircraft maintenance stand/jack.

These incidents indicate that maybe we have become a little complacent, lax, distracted, or less attentive than we could be in doing our jobs. This can't continue particularly during this dangerous "101 Critical Days of Summer."

You've heard the phrase -- "where there's smoke there's fire." Well, right now we are beginning to see the smoke. Therefore we need to turn this trend around so that fire doesn't rear its ugly head. It all comes down to the attitude with which we perform our jobs. Pay close attention to checklists, operating instructions, and standard procedures; above all, use common sense. All this is to protect you, the men and women of the 908th -- our most valuable asset.

In conclusion, I challenge each of you to incorporate an increased emphasis on safety in everything you do. Use the operational risk management process - don't accept unnecessary risks

or buy into the concept that mishaps are a normal part of military business. Let's turn this trend around and keep our outstanding record intact. We have six weeks remain-

ing of the dangerous summer period and I know I'll see all of you back here when it's over. Remember.... SAFETY IS NO ACCIDENT !



July 2 -- tow vehicle accident

Photo by Jeff Melvin

Air Force Information Technology conference set for August

GUNTER ANNEX, Ala. (AFPN) -- Military and industry information technology leaders will convene in Montgomery, Ala., Aug. 24 to 28 for the 2003 Air Force Information Technology Conference.

Organizers estimate that 3,500 military and government employees and 1,500 vendors will attend.

"This is a power-packed week of superb military

and industry keynote speakers," said 1st Lt. Josh Miller, conference chairman. "We'll have more than 165 in-depth technical seminars and workshops, and more than 170 vendors will showcase the latest technologies."

"Data-disaster plans, protecting national security with a secure-public network, hacker security and collaboration in the

warfighting environment represent a minor sampling of the seminar topics to be discussed," Miller said.

The third day of the conference, known as Senior Communicator Day, is dedicated to Air Force communications and information. It will feature a presentation by a senior Air Force leader.

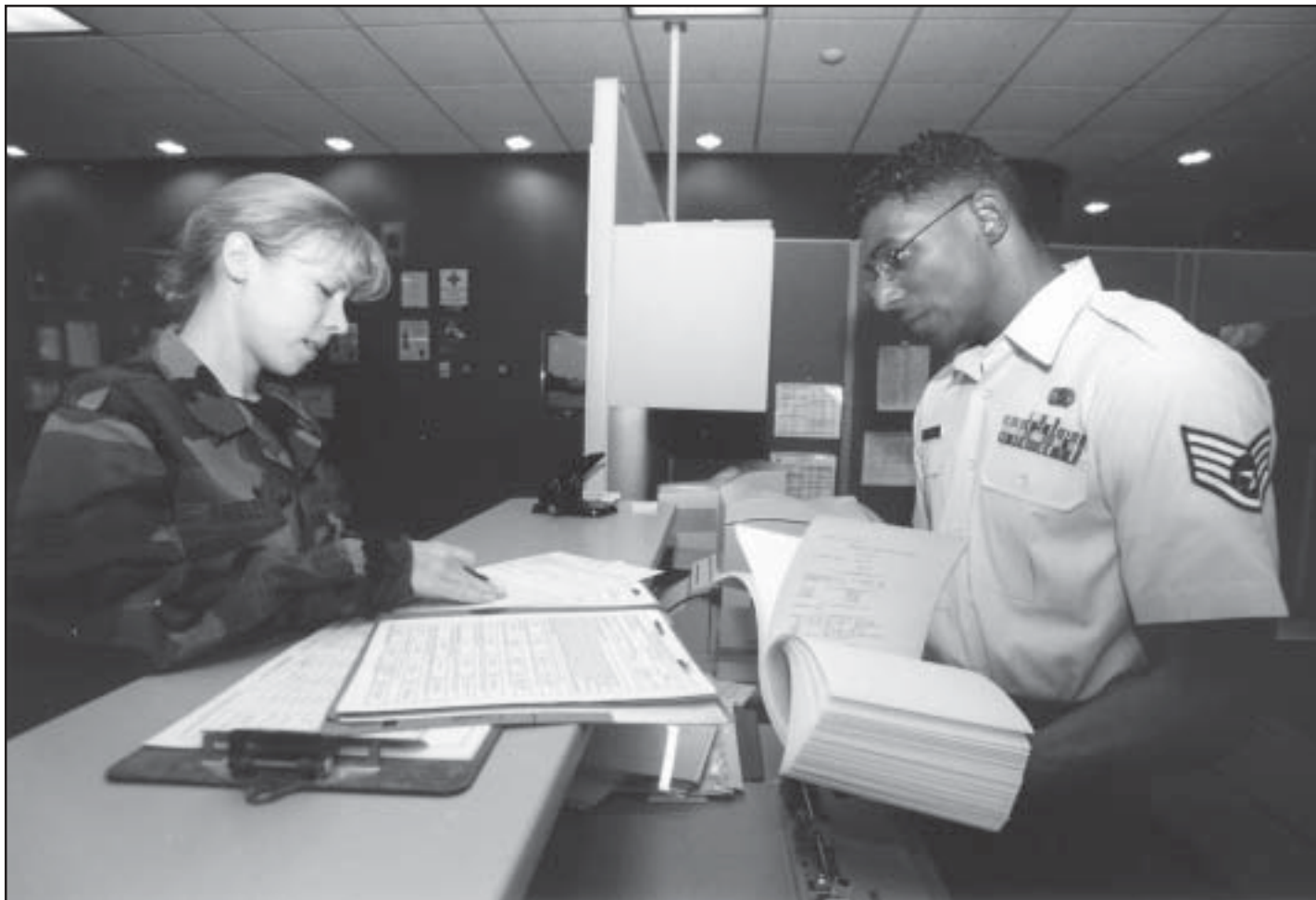
The day also empha-

sizes the importance of communications and information within the Air Force, Miller said.

"It's designed to emphasize the importance of (senior-communicator) activities by providing ... an opportunity to meet and discuss current issues with ... major command communications and information commanders," he said.

The conference is open to all military and federal government employees. Standard Systems Group officials here and people at the City of Montgomery present the conference.

To find more details about the conference, or to register, visit <https://web1.ssg.gunter.af.mil/AFITC> or call DSN 596-4319; commercial (334) 416-4319.



Staff Sgt. Dimitri Jefferies, right, assists a unit member with a personnel action.

Photo by Dan Doherty

Got questions? They've got answers

Customer Service source for personnel info and assistance

Have a question or problem, and not sure where to get the answer or solution? Chances are the mission support squadron's customer service section can help.

Customer Service is the initial point of contact for personnel information and assistance. Customer Service personnel are able to answer most questions of a general nature and direct members to the proper workcenter for detailed information. A few of the many areas customer service personnel can assist are listed below. The list is not all-inclusive.

Processing Identification Card Requests: 908th Mission Support Squadron Customer Service section issues ID cards to all eligible members (active duty, reserve, dependents and retired). Customer Service also enrolls new dependents and updates changes in the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System (DEERS). Please ensure you have the proper documents when requesting an ID card.

Updating Family Member Information: If you get married, divorced, have a baby, adopt a child, or change your name, make sure these events are up-

dated in your record. Proper documentation, such as certificate of marriage, divorce decree, birth certificate, etc., is needed.

Family Care Program: The Family Care Program is designed to ensure military members are available for worldwide deployment. Military members married to another military member regardless of branch of service, single parents, and military members married to non-US citizen with a limited language ability must make arrangements for short and long term dependent care, alternate care givers, and a temporary custody designee for all emergency situations.

TRICARE Dental Plan: TDP is a voluntary prepaid comprehensive dental insurance program offered worldwide by the Department of Defense to family members of all active duty Uniformed Service personnel, Selected Reserve and Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) members and/or their family members. United Concordia is the administrator of this program. TDP covers dependents residing in the United States, Canada, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and Guam. Appli-

cants must have 12 months of retainability to become eligible to participate in the program. Members can pick up forms at the Military Treatment Facility. More information can be found at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/deers or <http://www.ucci.com/>

TRICARE Smart: TRICARE Smart enables individuals or groups to order TRICARE printed brochures and booklets via the Internet. Getting there is easy; go to <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/smart>.

Scroll down the left side and click on "TRICARE Store." A dropdown menu in the center of the page lists a variety of products you can order simply by adding them to your shopping cart. When you're ready to exit, click "Checkout" and follow the directions (use 908th Airlift Wing for facility name). Use this procedure when ordering any product from the web site.

For additional information about these and other personnel and family care programs, contact 908th MSS Customer Service section's Staff Sgt. A. Dimitri Jefferies at (334) 953-5522 or DSN 493-5522.

Activated C-130 units on alert to defend homeland

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – Homeland defense has not taken a backseat to operations in Iraq as two units in the Air Force Reserve Command can attest.

Nearly 300 members of the 934th Airlift Wing at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport Air Reserve Station, Minn., and an equal number of reservists from the 913th AW at Willow Grove ARS, Pa., were activated in March to support homeland defense.

"As far as homeland defense, we are just on alert and don't know when it's going to be over," said Lt. Col. Douglas Trogstad, 96th Airlift Squadron commander. "As long as there is not an attack on the homeland, we don't have to (respond to an alert)."

In the meantime, the units take up slack in the airlift community as active-duty units are deployed.

"We move personnel and cargo anywhere in the United States following a schedule of alert set up by the Tanker Airlift Control Center (Scott AFB, Ill.)," said Capt. Dan Johnson, 934th AW logistics readiness squadron commander and wing plans officer. "We are basically tasked with tactical airlift for the continental United States."

The 913th AW is also seeing a heavy workload. The unit has supported the Army paratroopers Joint Airborne/Air Transportability Training program by working with first-time jumpers and highly qualified paratroopers providing necessary training and practice for real-life incidents. This training keeps aircrews current in airdrop while paratroopers meet their required jumps. The unit has also picked up medical evacuation flights running every two weeks from Willow Grove through Puerto Rico and Cuba and then home. More missions mean more work for maintenance crews. Working 18-hour days with two nine-hour shifts has resulted in the wing's mission capable rate going up by 25 percent.

"We have it down to a couple of hours," said Maj. Donald Donofry, 913th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron commander, speaking of the time it takes to turn around an aircraft. "We are seeing fewer red balls, meaning fewer malfunctions while crews are in their seats."

(AFRC News Service from 913th AW and 934th AW news releases)

Command faces reductions from force structure changes

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reservists in the Reserve.

Many bases, both active duty and reserve component, are affected by the realignment. In many cases, units will gain aircraft and missions, while others will pare down.

Besides manpower reductions, the realignment formally announces the retirement of the C-9A Nightingale and KC-135E Stratotanker aircraft.

According to Air Force officials, the 20 C-9s are being retired because of reduced-patient movement, range limitations and increasing maintenance and upgrade costs. The aeromedical-evacuation mission will become a

requirements-based system using all passenger-capable aircraft.

The service will retire 44 of the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Command's 43-year-old KC-135Es next year, replacing them with 24 KC-135Rs from the active-duty fleet. By the end of fiscal 2006, the Air Force will have retired 68 of the KC-135Es.

Actions involving C-130 units at other AFRC locations include :

◆ Gen. Mitchell IAP ARS, Wis. - The 440th AW reduces one C-130H2 aircraft, resulting in a reduction of nine civilian and 35 drill authorizations.

◆ Keesler AFB, Miss.

- The 403rd Wing gains seven civilian and seven drill authorizations as a result of a crew ratio increase for authorized aircraft.

◆ Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport Air Reserve Station, Minn.

- The 934th AW retires two C-130E aircraft and replaces them with two C-130H2 aircraft, while increasing the crew ratio for authorized aircraft, which results in an increase of seven civilian and 11 drill positions.

◆ Niagara Falls IAP ARS, N.Y. - The 914th AW gains seven civilian and 11 drill authorizations as a result of a crew ratio increase.

◆ Peterson AFB, Colo. - The 302nd AW reduces one C-130H aircraft, resulting in a reduction of seven civilian and 25 drill authorizations.

◆ Pittsburgh IAP ARS, Pa. - The 911th AW increases the C-130 crew ratio, resulting in an additional seven civilian and 11 drill authorizations.

◆ Willow Grove ARS, Pa. - The 913th AW reduces one C-130E aircraft and increases the crew ratio for the remaining authorized C-130E aircraft, resulting in a reduction of nine civilian and 35 drill authorizations.

◆ Youngstown ARS, Ohio - The 910th AW reduces one C-130H aircraft,

resulting in a loss of seven civilian and 25 drill authorizations.

The announcement included two space-related activations: -- AFRC will activate a new associate unit in support of the Air Force Space Command Network Operations and Security Center at Peterson AFB, Colo., resulting in an increase of five full-time AGR and 15 drill authorizations; and AFRC will activate a new associate unit in support of the space aggressor squadron at Schriever AFB, Colo., resulting in seven more AGR and 15 more drill authorizations. (Air Force and AFRC News Service releases.)



Photo by Jeff Melvin

Steel rising

Work continues on the \$12 million project to build a new Isochronal Maintenance Hangar and Fuel Cell Maintenance Facility. Project completion is targeted for late 2004. The new facilities will incorporate the most up-to-date operating technology and the most current standards for worker safety and security. They will also place those maintenance operations

at the site of the future-parking ramp for the 908th's C-130 fleet, significantly increasing overall efficiency. As these new facilities come online Air University will gain much-needed real estate to facilitate their growing academic missions.

Congress eyes beefier benefits for reservists

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and voted on by both chambers and signed into law by the president."

Bills were introduced in the House and Senate, but none were approved.

Provisions in this year's markups include:

Unlimited commissary privileges: The Senate committee seeks unlimited use for members of the Selected Reserve and retired reservists who qualify to receive retired pay but who are not age 60, and their dependents. The House version expands the unlimited privilege to reservists in the Ready Reserve, which includes the Selected Reserve, who satisfactorily completed 50 or more points in a calendar year. Unlimited use of commissaries is currently limited to people possessing an active-duty ID card or drawing retirement pay, and their dependents.

Basic pay increase: The Senate version authorizes an across-the-board military pay raise of 3.7 per-

cent and higher, targeted pay raises for mid-career personnel for an average pay raise of 4.15 percent. The House of Representatives version accepts the Department of Defense's proposed pay plan and calls for an average 4.1 percent increase with targeted increases for mid-grade and senior NCOs to enhance retention. It also proposes to give E-1s, E-2s, O-1s and O-2s raises below 3.7 percent, which is the minimum percentage in the Senate version.

Equal hostile fire and imminent danger pay for reservists on inactive duty: Both committees recommend reservists serving inactive duty for training at authorized duty locations to be paid this pay at the same \$150-per-month rate as members serving on active duty. The provision would be retroactive to Sept. 11, 2001. Reservists currently receive this pay at a rate of 1/30 for every day served in specified locations.

Increase in hostile fire and

imminent danger pay: Both committees seek an increase from \$150 per month to \$225 per month. However, the House version limits the increase to service in Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, and the increase would expire on the date the president terminates the operations.

Increase in family separation allowance: Both committees want to increase the allowance from \$100 to \$250 per month, effective Oct. 1, 2003. However, the House version limits the increase to service in Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, and the increase would expire on the date the president terminates the operations.

High-tempo personnel management and allowance for extended or frequent deployments: Congress wants to pay up to \$1,000 a month to service members who have been deployed for at least 401 of the preceding 730 days

or deployed continuously for 191 days. In the Senate version, reservists would also qualify if they are called or ordered to active duty for more than 30 days if such period begins within one year after the date on which they were released from previous service on active duty for a period of more than 30 days under a call or order to active duty. In the House version, reservists would also qualify if they serve on active duty for more than 30 days during the second or subsequent mobilization for the same contingency operation.

Reimbursement for lodging expenses: The House wants to authorize the service secretaries to reimburse certain reservists and retirees serving on active duty at locations away from their homes. The reimbursable amount would be the lesser of the lodging portion of the applicable per diem rate or the actual cost of lodging paid by the member for periods during which the member is in a leave status.

Special responsibility pay: The Senate recommends reserve component officers receive command responsibility pay at a rate of 1/30th the monthly rate for each day of duty. A maximum of 5 percent of captains and below would get the monthly rate, and a maximum of 10 percent of majors through colonels would be authorized the monthly rate.

Hazardous-duty pay for reservist demolition duty and parachute jumping: The House wants to authorize reservists who perform explosive ordnance disposal and pararescue duties in a month to be paid hazardous duty pay at the same monthly rates (not 1/30th rate) paid to members serving on active duty. The committee members reason that reservists must maintain the same qualification standards as the active force to perform explosive demolition and parachute jumping.

Standardize Ready Reserve's annual training requirements: Members of the House committee want to reinstate one measure – 38 days per year – as the minimum for annual participation. At the present, members of the Selected Reserve are required to perform the equivalent of 38 training days of duty in the form of 48 periods of inactive duty for training – usually performed at the rate of four periods over a weekend – and 14 days of annual training. Other reservists fulfill training and active-duty requirements in at least 32 different categories of duty status.

More information about the House and Senate markups is available on the following Web site: <http://www.re.hq.af.mil/rei> (AFRC News Service)

Sept. 24, 25 Boss Lift Nominations

Employer's name/title:

Company/organization:

Company mailing address:

Employer's phone number:

Nominating Reservist name:

Your civilian job title:

Unit/duty phone:

Oct. 23-24 Civic Leader Tour Nominations

Civic leader's name/title:

Company/organization:

Business or home address:

Phone number:

Nominating Reservist name:

Your civilian job title:

Unit/duty phone:

Complete form(s) and return to the Public Affairs office, Bldg. 1056, Room 210 or mail to: 908th AW/PA, 401 W. Maxwell Blvd., Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, AL 36112, or FAX: (334) 953-2202. For more information, call the PA office at (334) 953-6804.

Return by the end of the August UTA

August Unit Training Assembly Schedule

Start	End	Event	Location/OPR
Friday, August 8, 2003			
1630	1900	Commanders' Staff Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conference Room

Saturday, August 9, 2003

0730	0800	Sign In	Orderly Room
0730	0800	Newcomers' Flight Reception	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMT
0800	0830	Newcomers' Intro/Orientation	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMT
0830	1230	NBC Defense Training	Bldg. 1154/Rm 119
0830	TBD	Units at Range M-16 (Classroom)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
0830	1200	M-41 Mask Fit	Bldg. 1055/Rm 1
0900	1000	Security Managers Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
0930	1000	TDY/PCS Out-Processing	Bldg. 1056/Rm 111, DPMSA
1000	1100	Unit Deployment Managers' Mtg	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
1030	1130	First Sergeants' Meeting	Golf Course Snack Bar
1200	1600	Gas Mask/A1 Bag Issue	Bldg. 848/West Side
1200	TBD	TableTop Exercise	Various Workcenters
1230	TBD	Units at Range M-16 (Firing)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
1230	1530	CDC Testing (Course 5/12/SNCOA CD Rom Only)	Bldg. 903/DPMT
1300	1500	Newcomers' MPF In-Processing	Bldg. 1056/Rm 109/
1330	1730	NBC Defense Training	Bldg. 1154/Rm 119
1400	1500	Supervisors' Safety Training Mtg	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
1700	TBD	Sign Out	Orderly Room

Sunday, August 10, 2003

0630	0700	Sign in	Orderly Room
0800	1100	Gas Mask/A1 Bag Issue	Bldg. 848/West Side
0815	0900	MPF In-house Training	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Room
0830	1400	NBC Defense Training	Bldg. 1154/Rm 119
0830	1130	Hazardous Cargo Training	TBD
0830	1130	Pallet Build-up/Joint Inspection	25APS (Various locations)
0900	0930	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 846/Classroom 2/25 APS
0930	1015	EPR Training	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Room
1000	1030	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 848/Classroom/COM Flight
1000	1100	Career Advisors' Meeting	Bldg. 846/DPMSC
1000	1100	Awards and Decorations Training	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
1100	1130	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 1056/Rm. 101/DPMT
1130	1230	SORTS/Commander Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Room/CC
1130	1230	Chiefs' Group Meeting	Bldg. 1461
1200	1500	Gas Mask/A1 Bag Issue	Bldg. 848/West Side
1230	1530	CDC Testing	Bldg. 903/DPMT Classroom
1300	1400	Honor Guard Meeting	Bldg. 1056/Cmd. Chief's Office
1330	1430	UTA Bulletin Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf. Room
1430	1500	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 1055/Classroom 1/CES
1500	TBD	908MSG Assumption of Command Ceremony	SOC, Bldg. 1403, Polifka Auditorium
1600	TBD	Sign-out	Orderly Room

Support functions' schedule

Activity	Dates & hours of operation		Location/Ext.
Newcomers' Training Flight		Sun, 0630-1600	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101
MPF Customer Service	Sat, 0800-1200	Sun, 0900-1100	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
		Sun, 1200-1600	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
ID Cards	M-F, 0630-1600	Sun, 0700-1600	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
	Sat, 0800-1200		
	1500-1700		
Reserve Pay	M-F, 0700-1100;	Sat, 0800-1600	Bldg. 1056/3-6722
	1200-1600		
Fitness for Duty	Sat, 0830-0900	Sun, 0730-0800	Bldg. 711/3-5714
(Bring DD Form 689)	1330-1400		
Medical Records	Sat, 0800-1500	Sun, 0800-1500	Bldg. 711/3-5714
Individual Equipment	Sat, 0800-1530		Bldg. 1154/3-6020
Clothing Sales	Sat, 0900-1500		Bldg. 851/3-7505
Restricted Area Badges	M-F, 0630-1600	Sun, 1000-1500	Bldg. 84/3-4283
Vehicle Registration	M- F, 0730-1600	Sun, 1000-1500	Bldg. 84/3-4283
Geneva Convention Cards	M-F, 0730-1600	Sun, 1000-1500	Bldg. 84/3-4283
Dining Hall	Sat, 0600-0930	Sun, 0600-0930	Bldg. 668/3-5127
	1100-1300	1100-1300	
	1600-1830	1600-1830	
Lodging office/reservations (lodging problems, contact 908th rep via lodging front desk)			Bldg. 1573/3-2401
Photo lab	M-F, 0730-1630	Sun, 1300-1500	Bldg. 926/3-7981

MXS holds car wash

A carwash to raise funds for the MXS Christmas party will be held Saturday, Aug. 8, starting at 9 a.m. The car wash will be held at Bldg. 1059, the Maxwell AFB CE compound on Kelly Street. Cost is donations. For more info, contact Master Sgt. Mike Eubanks at (334) 953-6966.

August UTA Lodging

To access the Lodging Reservation System, please follow these instructions:

- * Make reservations, cancellations or changes at least 24 hours prior to arrival.
- * Call Maxwell at 1-800-673-9356
- * Input your unit's authorization code
- * Dial the system at 3-8557 or 3-8558
- * The system will ask for your SSAN, which you will input with the telephone keypad
- * The system will ask for your personal ID number, followed by the "#" sign. (PIN is available through your First Sergeant or Services 3-7332)
- * The system will ask if you would like to make, change, or cancel a reservation.
- * To make a reservation, input arrival date and then departure date.
- * You will be asked if the reservation is ADT, IDT, or both (ADT: Annual Tour, Mandays, Special Tour) (IDT: UTA, AFTP, RMP, Make-up UTA)
- * If this is a scheduled UTA weekend, the system will tell you where you will be staying
- * If you cancel or change a reservation, you will be prompted for a phone number.

*** The confirmation number you receive is for 908th Services use only.**

Note: You can also call the system direct DSN or Commercial. The numbers are: DSN 493-8557/8558 or COMM: (334) 953-8557/8558.

If you have a question please contact Master Sgt. Byron Godwin at:

Commercial: (334) 953-7332

DSN: 493-7332

E-mail: byron.godwin@maxwell.af.mil

Emergency cell: (334) 657-1304

Notice! Checkout time at Maxwell Lodging for the August UTA is 0800 Sunday. If you do not have time to go to the front desk, and do not have a phone charge, there will be a key drop box located in Bldg. 157 (Main Lodging) for your convenience. Please do not use this box if you have any charges on your bill. In accordance with AFI 34-246 **smoking is not permitted in lodging rooms.** You may be charged a minimum of \$50 for cleaning for violating this AFI.

Airlift will be lodged at the Hampton Inn, Prattville.

Aurora, Ill./Huntsville, Ala. Airlift Schedule

UTA pick-up schedule Friday:

Depart Maxwell at 1530 local
Arrive Aurora at 1800 local
Depart Aurora at 1830 local
Arrive Huntsville at 2030 local
Depart Huntsville at 2100 local
Maxwell at 2145 local

UTA return schedule Sunday:

Bus departs Bldg. 1056 at 1530

Depart Maxwell at 1600 local
Arrive Huntsville at 1645 local
Depart Huntsville at 1700 local
Arrive Aurora at 1900 local
Depart Aurora at 1915 local
Arrive Maxwell at 2115 local

Unit Training Assembly Dates

Aug. 9-10; Sept. 6-7; Oct. 4-5; Nov. 1-2; Dec. 6-7; Jan. 10-11; Feb. 7-8; March 6-7; April 3-4; May 1-2; June 5-6; July 10-11; Aug. 7-8; Sept. 11-12

Take Note

Key wing leadership posts filled

908th Airlift Wing Commander Col. James N. Stewart announced his selections to fill several wing leadership positions last month.

Lt. Col. William "Bill" Forshey, is the new Mission Support Group commander. Prior to assuming his new duties, Forshey served most recently at the wing Inspector General. He is a longtime 908th member currently serving as the finance officer in a civilian capacity as well as having served previously as the Security Forces commander and the civil engineering squadron operations superintendent.

Maj. Nancy Stephenson, previously wing command post chief, will become the new wing Inspector General.

Maj. David Lang, formerly 908th Maintenance Squadron commander, is the new command post chief.

Medical personnel aid terror war

Ten wing members departed July 18 to assist in the global war on terrorism. The reservists are assigned to the 908th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron and will deploy in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, the combat operations in Afghanistan. 908AES provides nurses and medical technicians who care for patients in flight. Their wartime mission is to care for wounded and injured as they are evacuated aboard aircraft from areas near front lines.

Since the events of Sept. 11, 2001, nearly 90 908th AW members have been activated at various stages and have served at stateside and overseas locations.



Photo by Maj. Jerry Lobb

Top enlisted leader reups

908AW Commander Col. James Stewart administers the oath to wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Amos Moore. Moore has served as the wing's senior enlisted leader since July 2002.

Congratulations to the following people:

Promotions

....to Senior Master Sgt.
Clarence Winfield,
LRS

....to Master Sgt.
Leon Alexander Jr.,
AMS

Nancy Butler, CES
Timothy Merrihew,
CES

Wesley Meyer, LSS
....to Tech. Sgt.
Mark Decker, LRS

Marcus Fuller,
25APS
Todd Kern, MXS
Christine Smith,
SF

....to Staff Sgt.
Michael Freeman,
908AW
Deante Houston,
ASTS

Leon Nixon, MXS
Kendrick Prior,
LRS

Gordon Thomas,
MXS

....to Senior Airman
Ebony Besteda,
ASTS

Hollie Blaylock,
AES

Christopher
Brothers, AES

Eric Caldwell,
ASTS

Ronald Ford, MXS
Kenneth Johnson,
MXS

Adam Herlihy,
ASTS

Michael Laursen,
AES

Christopher
Moore, SFS

....to Airman First Class
Jerry Stone, AES

Tamisha Harris,
25APS

Kimberly Gipson,
LSS

Richard Howard,
SFS

Jessica Owens,
CES

Corey Sims,
357AS

....to Airman

Darius Allen, ASTS

Eva Appiah, LRS

Byron Dale, SFS

Kenyse Garth, LG
Tiesha Green, 357AS

Bradley Harrell,
MXS

Markis Myers, CES

Sign up for parent pin

Airmen may continue to register their parents to receive honor at www.yourguardiansoffreedom.com. Nominated parents receive a letter and lapel pin with the letter "P." All active-duty, Air National Guard and Reserve airmen may participate in the program.



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